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MAY 25th IS NATIONAL BENEVOLENCE DAY FOR OUR AGED MINISTERS

SUPPORT FOR BETHANY CONTINUES TO MOUNT

By OLIVER L. FOTH

CHAIRMAN OF B.B.C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Financial support for our fine District School, BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE, is beginning to mount. District Officials, B.B.C. Board Members, Presbyters, Advisory Board Members and Pastors throughout the District have all joined hands to endeavor to make "Operation Bethany" a real success. At this juncture, just 45 days after our District Council, as I write this brief report, we have every reason to believe that all of our churches are going to stand solidly behind Bethany Bible College in lifting her heavy financial load. Our District Presbyters and Advisory Board Members have been doing an admirable job contacting pastors and church boards on the behalf of B.B.C. and the response has been most encouraging. Several of the Sections have not had an opportunity to report as yet since the recent record breaking bad weather has been a real hindrance. But their reports will be included in the June issue of Glad Tidings.

So far — 74 Churches have reported, Pledging a total of \$717.00 Monthly. There are 325 Churches in N. Calif. and Nevada! Our GOAL . . . \$3,000.00 per month for B.B.C. "LIVING ENDOWMENT."

It can easily be reached if each church helps "According to its Ability."

Pledges to BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE LIVING ENDOWMENT FUND as reported by Sectional Presbyters, April 16th		
CAPITAL		
Floyd W. Thomas, Presbyter	Monthly	
Arbuckle	\$ 3.00	
Broderick	2.00	
Colusa	2.00	
Del Paso Heights	2.00	
Grass Valley	10.00	
Lincoln	15.00	
Marysville	5.00	
Olivehurst	2.00	
Orangevale	5.00	
Roseville	15.00	
Sacramento (Bethel)	50.00	
Woodland	5.00	
Yuba City	2.00	
COAST COUNTIES		
Raymond P. Murray, Presbyter		
Hollister	10.00	
Salinas (Alisal)	5.00	
Salinas (Calvary)	10.00	
Santa Cruz (First)	15.00	
Seaside	5.00	
Soquel	5.00	
CONTRA COSTA		
R. A. Work, Presbyter		
Antioch	10.00	
Concord	10.00	
Pinole	5.00	
Ray McMillen, San Pablo (personal)	5.00	
CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN		
William E. Hubbard, Presbyter		
Waterford	10.00	
EAST BAY		
James R. Swanson, Presbyter		
Berkeley	15.00	
Castro Valley	10.00	
El Cerrito	5.00	
Hayward	20.00	
Livermore	1.00	
Oakland (Bethel)	5.00	
Oakland (Calvary)	30.00	
Oakland (Evangel)	5.00	
Oakland (First)	25.00	
Oakland (Grace)	3.00	
Newark	10.00	
Richmond (Central)	25.00	
LAKE-MENDOCINO		
J. R. Edgar, Presbyter	Monthly	
Covelo	\$ 2.50	

Lakeport	5.00
Ukiah	15.00
LASSEN-PLUMAS	
M. M. York, Presbyter	
Greenville (Indian Church)	5.00
Quincy	7.50
Susanville	5.00
NORTH BAY	
P. R. Ford, Presbyter	
Guerneville	5.00
Santa Rosa (First)	15.00
Sebastapool	15.00
Vacaville	10.00
Windsor	5.00
NORTH SAN JOAQUIN	
S. G. Cox, Presbyter	
Galt	5.00
Manteca	5.00
Stockton (Bethel)	20.00
Stockton (East 8th)	3.00
Stockton (Eastside)	5.00
Stockton (Calvary)	27.50
Stockton (Faith)	3.00
Tracy (First)	5.00
Tracy (North Side)	3.00
PENINSULA	
Carl Curtwright, Presbyter	
Burlingame	7.50
Cupertino	(\$100.00 yearly)
San Bruno	5.00
San Francisco (Glad Tidings)	(1% of Gen. Fund)
San Francisco (Sunset)	5.00
San Jose (Bethel)	(\$250.00 yearly)
San Jose (Calvary)	15.00
San Jose (East Side Village)	1.00
San Jose (First)	15.00
South San Francisco	5.00
Sunnyvale (First)	(\$175.00 yearly)
Sunnyvale (Glad Tidings)	2.00
SACRAMENTO VALLEY	
Harold Byram, Presbyter	
Hayfork	5.00
SHASTA	
Roy Pennington, Presbyter	
Burney	10.00
Fort Jones	2.00
Happy Camp	2.00
Tulelake	5.00
Weed	10.00
OTHERS	
Fresno (Full Gospel)	25.00
TOTAL MONTHLY	\$717.00

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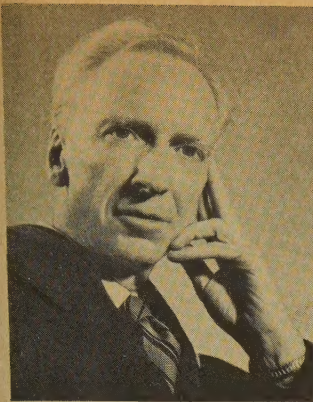
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Let's Put FIRST THINGS

FIRST



by Dr. Oswald J. Smith

A MISSIONARY MESSAGE FROM A MISSIONARY STATESMAN

Never will I forget the appeal Sir Winston Churchill, then Prime Minister of Great Britain, made to the American people before they entered the war. It still rings in my ears. "Give us the tools and we'll finish the job." That's what our missionaries are saying today. They can distribute salvation booklets from door to door even before they learn the language. Then let us put the tools in their hands. No soldier should be sent out without proper equipment.

THE BUILDING OR THE MESSAGE

We must decide whether we are going to put our money into the Building or into the Message. For nearly 1900 years now the Church has been putting its money into the Building and, instead of getting out the Message, we have been erecting magnificent cathedrals and luxurious auditoriums in which to worship God. Jehovah's Witnesses have been much wiser. They put their money into the Message. They know that the Message is more important than the building. Yet all over the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada we are still investing in bricks and mortar, whereas God wants us to get the Message out.

Not until the Church realizes that the Message is more important than the building will we be able to evangelize the world. If for every 14c invested in the "printed page" we can win a soul to Christ, then by all means we should put our money into the Message. God did not tell us to build luxurious churches and invite the people to come in. He told us to go out with the Message and preach the Gospel to the entire world. Let us then change our methods. Let us put our money, not into the building, but into the Message.

ABILITY OR NEEDS

I am thinking now of a great denomination with a property value of \$300,000,000. During one year their income was \$1,000,000 a day and, of that amount, \$60,000,000 was used for Preachers' salaries. They have a membership of 8,000,000 and 20,000 churches with full-time pastors. Yet this multi-millionaire denomination only has a little more than 1,000 missionaries in the entire world. It takes 20 of their churches to support one missionary. In other words, there are 8,000 members to a single worker on the foreign field. What a tragedy! What a lack of vision! The work here at home assumes greater importance by far than anything that is being done abroad. Could any real Christian be satisfied with such a program? How ashamed we should feel! Why, with such resources, we should be able to evangelize the entire world in our generation. God grant that we may catch the vision. For, remember, our generation is the only generation of Christians that can evangelize our generation of heathen.

SEVEN TIMES AS MUCH

Most of our churches are spending more here at home than they are sending to the Regions Beyond. That shows that we consider the work at home of greater importance than the work in foreign lands. But is that right? I do not think so. That is why we reverse the order in The Peoples Church, Toronto. For every dollar we spend at home we send seven dollars to the foreign field. Last year, for instance, we spent \$39,000.00 on ourselves here at home, but, at the same time, we invested \$282,000.00 in Missions — seven times as much — an average of \$96.66 for each adherent for the year. We have done that consistently for the past 28 years and we will continue doing it as long

as there is a Peoples Church. The work in the foreign field must come first. All else is of secondary importance. During these past years in The Peoples Church we have seen nearly \$4,000,000. raised for Foreign Missionary Work. Our people have caught the vision of world evangelization. They believe in putting first things first.

Then, too, we always emphasize spiritual rather than physical needs. Anyone will respond to physical needs, even the unsaved, but only born again Christians will be burdened about spiritual needs. The United Nations, through Government agencies, are trying to meet the material needs of the world, but it is left to God's people to meet man's spiritual needs. Hence, when an appeal is made, we always ask the question, "Is it a physical or a spiritual need?" We give our money for spiritual needs. Men are lost and perishing and they must be saved. Their greatest need is the Gospel. They need a Saviour.

ONE THING

When the Lord Jesus Christ left this world, 1900 years ago, He gave His disciples just one thing to do. He spoke in effect as follows: "I am leaving you now. I will be gone a long time, but one of these days I will return. Now, while I am absent, there is just one thing I want you to do. I want you to take this Gospel of mine and give it to the entire world. See that every tribe, people, tongue and nation hears it. Do you understand? Then, when you have done it, I will be back, but not before." With these words He left them and they went to work. During the first generation they did a fine job. They succeeded in preaching His Gospel to most of the then known

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Missionaries Calvin and Olive Zeissler plan to return soon to the "land of their calling," the Philippines. The above photo and the cover picture of Olive Zeissler were taken in Calvary Temple, San Jose, where T. Kermit Jeffrey is the pastor.

WHAT MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS

by R. A. Wilson Sr.,

Dist. Missionary Secretary

The history of missionary conventions in our district is hard to trace. In the earlier years each church conducted its own missionary program and few reports reached the district office.

However the East Bay Section seems to be the first to make missionary conventions a definite factor in missionary interest. Perhaps part of this is due to one of the local pastors, the late R. H. Moon, formerly connected with the Missionary Alliance. He was one of the first pastors to have an annual missionary convention in his church.

The first week of April 1944 the East Bay Section held a united sectional World Missions Rally in the Oakland Civic Auditorium, Kenneth Short, having just returned from Borneo was secured as the evening speaker and brought a forceful missionary challenge each night. Other missionaries were present and participated. Meetings continued for a week and the interest was very good. This was the first missionary convention many of our people had ever attended. The final Sunday missionary pledges were made amounting to several thousand dollars. Some of these pledges were to be paid month by month through their local churches. The results were that each East Bay Church had a definite increase in their missionary giving. And the results were not all in finances. A number of people made consecrations and later went to the mission field. Two of the pastors sponsoring this convention resigned

their churches to go. Pastor Harold Lehmann of First Church and chairman of the convention announced he was going to Africa and was in the Gold Coast by November. The Lehmanns are still laboring in Africa. Pastor Oliver Foth of Calvary Temple and active in the convention soon after went to India. Of interest, though not connected with the convention, is the fact that Floyd Thomas sailed for Gold Coast and Lowell Dowdy for Venezuela that same year.

Because of the interest manifested in this convention the East Bay churches continued the annual convention idea for some years on a sectional basis. Gradually however, it became an individual church program.

During the past few years the District Missionary Department has encouraged missionary conventions in the local churches. Some of our larger churches have made them a part of the annual program. As they have been successful other churches have been inspired until more churches are having similar conventions. I believe this is an important reason for the increase in our missionary giving these past few years. I cannot give a full record of churches planning conventions this year but I will name a few having outstanding results in their churches.

In 1957 Contra Costa Section tried a convention on a sectional basis. The meetings were held in Concord and as a whole were very good. Unfortunately some of the missionaries were unable to appear on schedule.

Such meetings do much to arouse missionary interest.

The Berkeley Church has made missionary conventions an annual affair. Though not a large church it has carried a heavy missionary load. Their conventions last a full week and several missionaries participate.

Five years ago Pastor Clyde Henson of Bethel Temple Sacramento, made a trip to Africa seeing firsthand the need abroad. Each year since he has promoted a successful missionary convention. Not only has money been raised for foreign missions but for home missions as well. Funds from Bethel Temple have built the American Indian Church in Yerington, Nevada.

Pastor Kermit Jeffrey has reported gratifying results in his missionary conventions. Calvary Temple, San Jose, where he pastors, has gone from an average missionary church to third place in missionary giving in the district. Much of this interest in missions has been due to their annual missionary convention.

One of the outstanding examples of what a missionary convention will do for a small church is found at Seaside, California. The Assembly of God Church at Seaside was started 23 years ago. During all these years they have never been able to fully support their pastor. In 1955 they gave a total to missions of \$203.82. A missionary convention was held in this church in 1956. Pledges were made for missionary giving to the amount of \$2,700. The church actually gave in the following twelve

RY VENTIONS MEAN TO MISSIONS



FIRST THINGS FIRST

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world. Of course they did not touch South America, North America, many of the Islands of the Seas, and vast parts of Europe, but they did go to most of the Roman world.

Then something happened. And now for nearly 1900 years the Church of Jesus Christ has been doing a thousand and one things that Jesus never told the Church to do and has been neglecting the one and only thing He ever did tell the Church to do. We have not taken His Gospel to the entire world. We have built churches, seminaries, colleges, universities, hospitals. As a matter of fact we have done numerous things that we were never commanded to do, but we have failed to do the one thing that we were commanded to do. No wonder He has not returned. He is waiting for us to do what He told us to do during His absence.

Everything we have done has been good and abundantly worthwhile, but the trouble is, the good is always the enemy of the best. We should have kept before us our Lord's post-resurrection commands. We should have evangelized the world. Otherwise we have no ground for our existence as a church. There is no reason why we should have churches, unless they are reaching out to those who have never heard. We must either go ourselves as missionaries or send out substitutes. Our Lord's post-resurrection commands were given to be obeyed. We must put first things first.

Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth. God does nothing but in answer to prayer.

—JOHN WESLEY.

people.

We have one of the greatest missionary programs in existence today. Our missionary Bible Schools in which natives are being trained to reach their own people on an indigenous, self-supporting basis is one of the finest. Many of our people are sending money to independent missionary schemes which do not begin to compare with that of the Assemblies of God. It is our responsibility to keep before them our own missionaries and to encourage them to support this program of which they are a part. Missionary conventions will help to accomplish this.

A good missionary convention must have proper planning. Successful conventions have been planned ahead as far as a year. Assisting missionaries must plan their schedules. Proper publicity must be given. Your District Missionary Director will be glad to work with you in any way he can be of service.

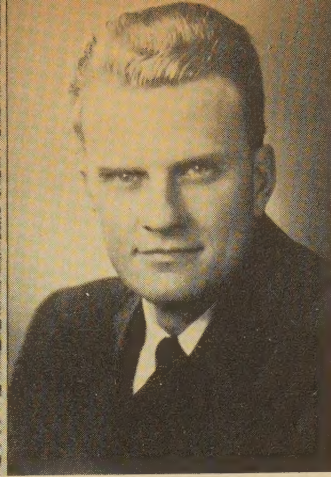
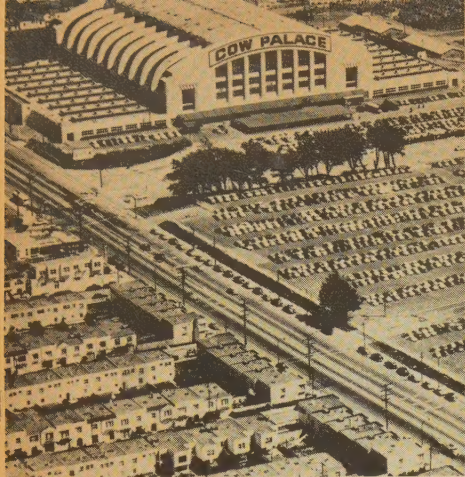
The Paul Pipkins of Japan have used to great benefit, this station wagon on the foreign field. The money for its purchase was raised at a missionary convention.



months the sum of \$3919.55 for foreign missions. Some might feel they were foolish to give so much to missions when they needed money at home. Let us see if it hurt the local budget. During those twelve months the church was able to do the following: 1. Paid off \$500 owing on the building. 2. Bought ground next to the church for expansion. 3. Replaced the old benches by installing opera seats. 4. Renovated and painted the inside of the church. 5. They are fully supporting the pastor for the first time in 23 years. In fact they were so enthused they held another convention in 1957 and doubled their former pledge to the amount of \$4,484. Pastor Lee Mildon is planning an even greater convention for June 1958.

This testimony of what a missionary convention will do for a church has been repeated many times though perhaps not all cases were so spectacular. Perhaps we have been selfish and self-centered in our outlook. So many have been afraid to give to missions lest the local church would suffer. This has been disproved time and time again. Pastors have testified that as their missionary offering increased their local income also increased. One pastor reported that after his church had given one of the largest missionary offerings on record for the church, the same month the income for the church was the largest in the history of the church.

Another purpose of missionary conventions is to keep the Assemblies of God Missionary Program before our



Billy Graham

Bay Cities Crusade Report

by Donald F. Lehmann

PASTOR OF GLAD TIDINGS TEMPLE AND SECRETARY OF BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE

The most significant religious event of 1958 is taking place in San Francisco Bay Cities as the Billy Graham Crusade moves Northern California for Christ! The surge is in high swing as you read these pages . . . with the Cow Palace filled for every service and with hundreds finding Christ as Saviour each day.

We are happy to report that the Assemblies of God is responding fully to the call to see souls won! This great inter-church effort is counting on scores of our churches and thousands of our communicants in every department of the effort. Plans for this Crusade began years ago in the hearts of a few men in this area who dared to believe that someday God would move this area in mighty revival. We believe that day has come!

Nearly 1150 churches have agreed to cooperate with the effort! Trained counsellors number 4,000. The Choir enlistments have reached the staggering total of 5,000. These figures alone are enough to bewilder us for they deal in numbers we never have at our disposal.

For a moment let us candidly examine the negative aspects of the Crusade — and then the positive.

What the Crusade will not do: The meetings will NOT avalanche a revival to your church unless you pray, labor, give of your time and strength to help it!

The meetings will NOT cure your mid-week and Sunday night Church attendance problems for the future unless you shape your program for the "cure."

The meetings will NOT bring converts into your Assembly unless you have exposed these people to the meetings yourself. The only contact Billy Graham has with your church is through your people!

The Cow Palace Evangelism is

NOT the only answer to the problem of Evangelism . . . or even the best answer. But it is one answer to the saving of souls . . . and by all odds the most important answer for this season!

However, there are some things the Crusade WILL do:

The Counsellor Training program will leave every church with a staff of trained workers to do the job they should have been doing all along!

These meetings will prove the witness of Protestantism to be vibrant and dynamic in the whole west!

These meetings will prove the source of stirring for the whole of our Churches. That is — revival of our Saints!

These meetings will, as we apply "Operation Andrew" — (bringing our neighbors to service with us) give us the greatest harvest of souls in the Bay Area's history!

To state that the sponsorship of this Crusade is proper; the music inspirational; the financing at a splendid level; the motives are excellent; is to repeat what is already known.

I would like to add a word of sober warning to our Churches in Northern California. The results of this entire

crusade will be lost forever to the Church that will not lay aside every impediment to FOLLOW UP the decisions made by people won to Christ through your contacts! We will be stronger in every way to see that for every convert — we have a place. And see him not once — but until he is established in God!

Now, a word about Dr. Billy Graham. This man, unquestionably called of God, has gathered a team of workers about him that are of the highest Christian quality. They are humble, prayerful, sincere, and warmly evangelistic in heart and purpose. Concerning Dr. Graham, Dr. Jess M. Bader, General Secretary, World Convention Church of Christ (Disciples) wrote these words in a recent publication:

"Billy Graham is unquestionably sincere, earnest and humble. I have found no one here in New York who doubts this. He preaches with conviction. He has a high Christology for without that it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to be an evangelist. In all my experience in evangelism, (including twelve years Secretary of Evangelism of my own communion, Disciples of Christ) I have never known a minister or an evangelist who was a successful winner of souls to Christ and membership in the Church who did not have a high Christology. If a man is a sinner, he needs a Saviour, and a Saviour who 'can save to the uttermost'."

The meetings are on — the altars are full . . . let us not relax in our prayer life, our presence, our giving of finances! The revival is here because for several months our Christian Friends around the world have made this place the "most prayed for place on earth!"



PRAY . . . TODAY
FOR THE CRUSADE



W H A T

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T h e

P R O M ?

BY
Walt Boring

Every high-school in the whole country is soon to have a "Prom" and high school students by the thousands are planning this great social event right now by making dates, choosing clothes and saving allowances for spending money. For many teen-agers, this is going to be IT. For the first time, many of them will go out un-escorted and their spirits will be flying high as they indulge in this important social marker of the great transition between compulsory education and college or work. For many, the lid comes off that night. The day before they were high-school kids but from this night on they are adults and feel that they can do just what all other adults do. It is probably the most heady experience of their young lives.

Nothing has been spared for this event. High-school Gyms are suddenly converted into beautiful ballrooms. Freckled faced girls, donned in beautiful evening gowns miraculously are changed into lovely princesses. Big eared, gawking boys, outfitted in fine evening clothes become dashing debonairs. To teen-agers, who have pinched pennies from meager allowances, money takes on a new dimension. Dad and Mom have spent plenty on the new clothes, the school that has always seemed so frugal and tight over little matters like broken windows and trampled bushes has gone the limit in making the place beautiful and somebody has been extravagant enough to get the best dance band in the country and everybody knows that this costs money. All in all, it is first class and plenty grown up. And it is designed to be such,

because this is the big reward that the school gives those who have worked so hard, so long, to get that cherished diploma.

But, for the Christian, there is a problem. Where does he fit into this picture? First of all, if he is being tempted to attend the Prom, he must shake the stars out of his eyes and REMEMBER WHO HE IS AND WHO HE REPRESENTS. Then, he can make the big decision without fear of doing the wrong thing. He must realize that just because it seems that everybody else is going to attend the Prom, he cannot justify himself by going along with the anonymity of the crowd. The three Hebrew children were faced with death in a fiery furnace if they didn't go along with the crowd and worship the golden image, but they knew they had to maintain their stand for God. He must check to see if this glamorous bit of social activity is in keeping with the highest degree of Christian standards. To make the proper measurement of this problem, he should know that the Prom is nothing more than a dance. It is high class, but it is still a dance. The right people are there and it has the blessing of the entire community, but it is still a dance. He should also be made aware that drinking and worse is often a by-product of this night of festivity. These things, of course, are not countenanced by the school faculty, but they occur beyond the controls of the supervised ball. Considering these things, the Christian soon sees that the Prom is no place for him. He knows before he goes, that he would be miserable in the midst of the gaiety and

carefree frivolity of other young people who have known the Lord as he has.

But, if he cannot attend this event, what can he do? He too has worked hard for a diploma. Perhaps he has worked harder than a lot of other graduates. Maybe he has been unswervingly faithful to the Lord all the way through high school and along with his Christian stand has had to endure some heartaches and sorrows. Doesn't he get anything for his achievement? Or does he accept this as another social void in his life or worse, is he tempted to think that this is just another penalty for being a Christian? These thoughts are all possible and highly probable, unless the church, his own social circle, recognizes it's responsibility and does something for him. If he has done something to be proud of, and certainly he has, then the church should give him as much honor as the world gives its youth.

This is a perfect time for the Christ's Ambassadors to have a big, first class, dressed up banquet. The graduating seniors from both grammar and high school can be the guests of honor. The setting of the date is simple. Just have the banquet on the same night as the Prom. Get the best speaker available and have a candle-light service after the banquet. Make this a night of consecration and it will become a time never to be forgotten by all who attend. The worldly Prom can't hold a candle to a service like this because it is clean, decent, honorable and also — an awful lot of fun. And above all else, Christ Jesus is pleased and honored through it all.



WESTWOOD LIVES AGAIN

Westwood, Lassen County, California, a beautiful scenic mountain community thriving and prosperous in lumber industry was seemingly at its peak of prosperity. However there was something missing, the spiritual soul hungered for fellowship, communion and worship to God.

Services were being held in homes and in a community building. Brother & Sister William C. Ross with the call of God upon their lives desired to see a church started in Westwood and in 1937 during his pastorate the Assembly of God Church was erected

and the work of God started.

In the Spring of 1955 the owners of the lumber company announced that they were closing the mill operation. Many families began to make plans to move. There was great concern as to what would become of Westwood. Would it become a ghost town?

It began to look like a ghost town people began to leave and the houses boarded up. However, there were some who believed there would always be a Westwood and remained to see what would take place. Secur-

ing jobs in surrounding communities of Chester, Susanville and Greenville. Still believing God, the church group that remained prayed and trusted one who never fails.

September 1956 marked another historical event for Westwood. The former company had entered into a contract of sale of Westwood properties to Milton J. Wershow and David Weiz of Los Angeles, California.

Under the new ownership all the mill machinery and mobile equipment were auctioned and sold and plans were being made for people to purchase homes and land. Many have purchased homes ranging from \$2300 to present prices of \$8700. To the church with so few to purchase two lots of land where the church was located at prices beyond our financial status was of great concern to us.

Again we see the hand of God move in mysterious ways his wonders to perform. An announcement was made by Mr. Milton J. Wershow that the local churches would be given the land as a gift from them and presentation of church deeds were made on October 13, 1957 as shown in the picture with Pastor Maude Colter receiving the deed from Mr. Wershow. How we praise the Lord!

God continues to bless. Our Sunday School since October 1957 has averaged 80, we were privileged to have Brother Edwin Kramer for two weeks revival in November and eight souls came forward for salvation. One healed of stomach trouble that doctors could no longer help and the Christians were encouraged.

Sister Colter has been our pastor the past two years and has served most faithfully and efficiently under trying circumstances that confronted our group during Westwoods struggle for survival and we thank the Lord for her and those who stood united together through those trying days.

And so the work of God continues in Westwood until the day of His promised return.



I WALKED OUT UNSAVED

I attended your church this morning. You wouldn't remember me. I may be eleven or thirty, or eighty, but I was there, and I was hunting for something. I think I almost found it. I think I would have if you hadn't been in such a hurry.

The choir, even you in the congregation, sang hymns about a living Lord that made my heart beat faster. I felt a tight choking sensation in my throat as your Pastor described the condition of a lost person.

"I am lost. He is talking about me," I said to myself. "From the way he speaks, being saved must be very important." I looked about at you in the pews near me. You were listening and you seemed to think that the Pastor's words were important. "All these people are so concerned." I thought. "They want me to be saved too."

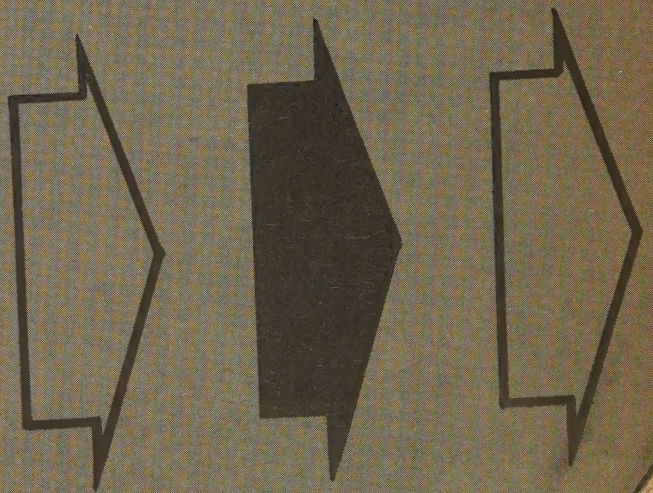
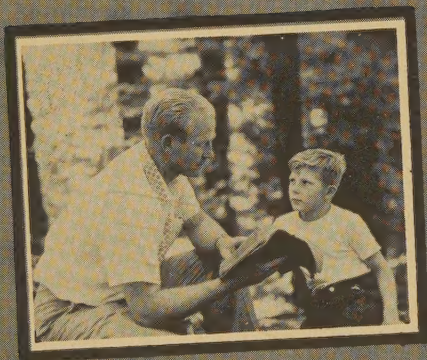
At last the minister finished his appeal and asked you to stand and sing another of the beautiful songs you know so well. I swallowed a lump in my throat and wished I knew the joy with which you sang. Then your Pastor looked at me and started telling me again how I could have this joy, but his words were drowned in a buzzing beside me.

When I glanced around, you were putting on your little girl's coat and telling her to get her things. I looked on my other side and saw you hurrying to leave. Looking in front of me I saw you frown at your watch as if time were running out. Suddenly I didn't want to look at any more of you. My eyes burned and my throat hurt. My feet were so tired I couldn't have walked toward your pleading minister.

You really didn't care. This Salvation the Pastor had been telling me about was not important. You didn't care that I was lost. You only wanted to get away.

I wanted to get away too. I wanted to run, but I was afraid that if I did you would wonder what I was running from. I waited until the services was over and walked out among you alone . . . and lost.

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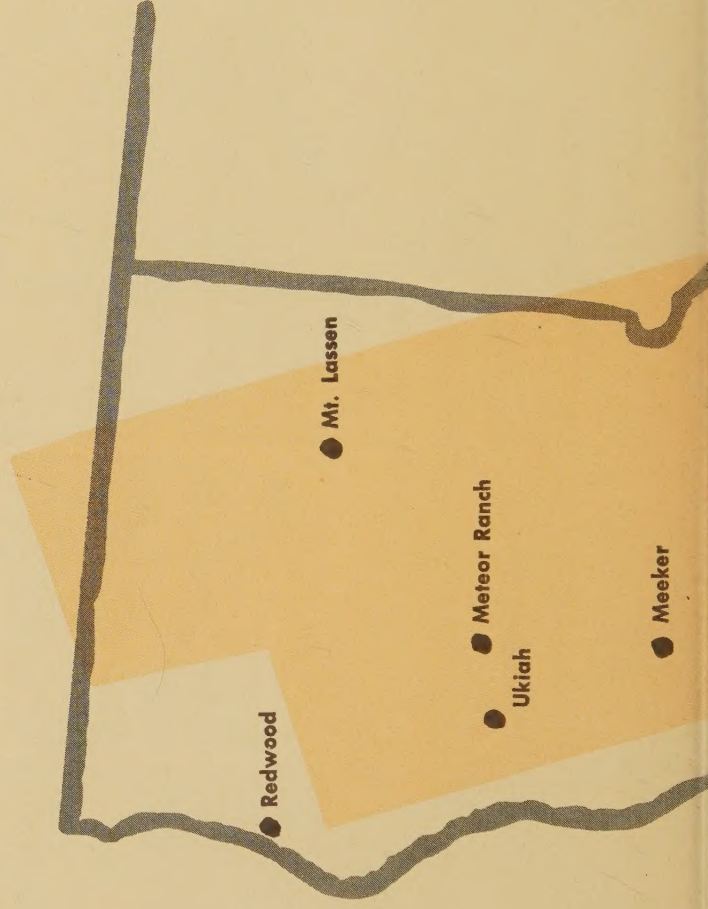
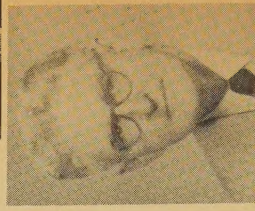
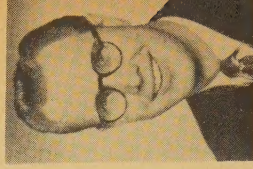


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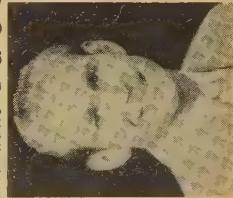
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AS SUNDAY SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE of Jamaica, how grateful I am that you Missionettes of Northern California and Nevada have adopted me as your missionary. More than fifty Sunday Schools and churches are eagerly awaiting the time when they may have these services. One Sunday School has an attendance of almost one thousand and only a few have less than one hundred in attendance. Imagine Missionettes, what a wonderful opportunity we have to minister together for Christ. Let me take you to Jamaica for a moment.

The White Lady comes! How happily they cry out the news as we enter the fishing village. In a clearing surrounded by cocoanut palms and thatch roofed huts the entire village is gathered there. The people are seated on bamboo benches in a semi-circle, singing, accompanied by a tambourine. The scene is lighted by kerosene lanterns hanging from poles. A hush falls upon the group as we prepare to tell the Old, Old Story.

How intently they listen, as we give our flannelgraph lesson. Even the fishermen lean forward to catch every word. It is not unusual to have several of these rough men come forward and kneel for salvation at the close of the service. No this is not an evangelistic service, it is a Teacher's Training Course.

Two thrilling weeks of training classes, personal work and child evangelism services. How quickly the time goes, and happily the people gather about us as we give them the beautiful gifts and awards made by the Missionettes.

A Jamaican will walk two or three miles over a narrow mountain trail to be present in every service that he may win an award for perfect attendance. You would feel well rewarded if you could see the groups comparing their gifts, each one examined closely to see how well they are made. They will appreciate the painstaking care and effort that has made this gift possible. It may be the only bit of color to brighten the drab walls of their little homes.

Fern Murray Former W.M.C. Secy-Treas. Re- ceives Silver Set

A very pleasant surprise came my way the week following the District Council. At a dinner party I was presented a beautiful silver 5 piece Coffee and Tea Service by the District Women's Missionary Council. I am glad that those attending the W.M.C. Day were permitted to see the set, for it is one of the prettiest I have seen. I wish to express my gratefulness to the Officers and the women of the District, sincerely from my heart, I say, "Thank you."

I shall always look upon my five years as District W.M.C. Secretary-Treasurer as a time of education and inspiration. Sister Anderson and I worked in close association and harmony and it was a privilege being part of the "W.M.C. Team." We are fortunate to have a president so capable and devoted to the cause of our missionaries. I am sure that it was in divine order that Sister Mildred Green was appointed to fill my unexpired term. Missions has been a vital part of Mildred's life for the past few years and a better secretary can't be found.

The W.M.C. became an integral part of my life, and I hope to always



Ferne Murray out-going W.M.C. Secretary-treasurer (on right) receives silver set from President Goldia Anderson and Incoming Secretary-treasurer Mildred Green on behalf of the district W.M.C. Department. The silver set was given at an evening luncheon in Santa Cruz. The wives of our District Officials and other W.M.C. executives attended.

carry a burden for our missionaries. If I should name my closest friends I am sure the list would include many of our foreign missionaries, this is an opportunity that the W.M.C. affords even to the lay members. It becomes the connecting link that joins our hands in reaching around the world.

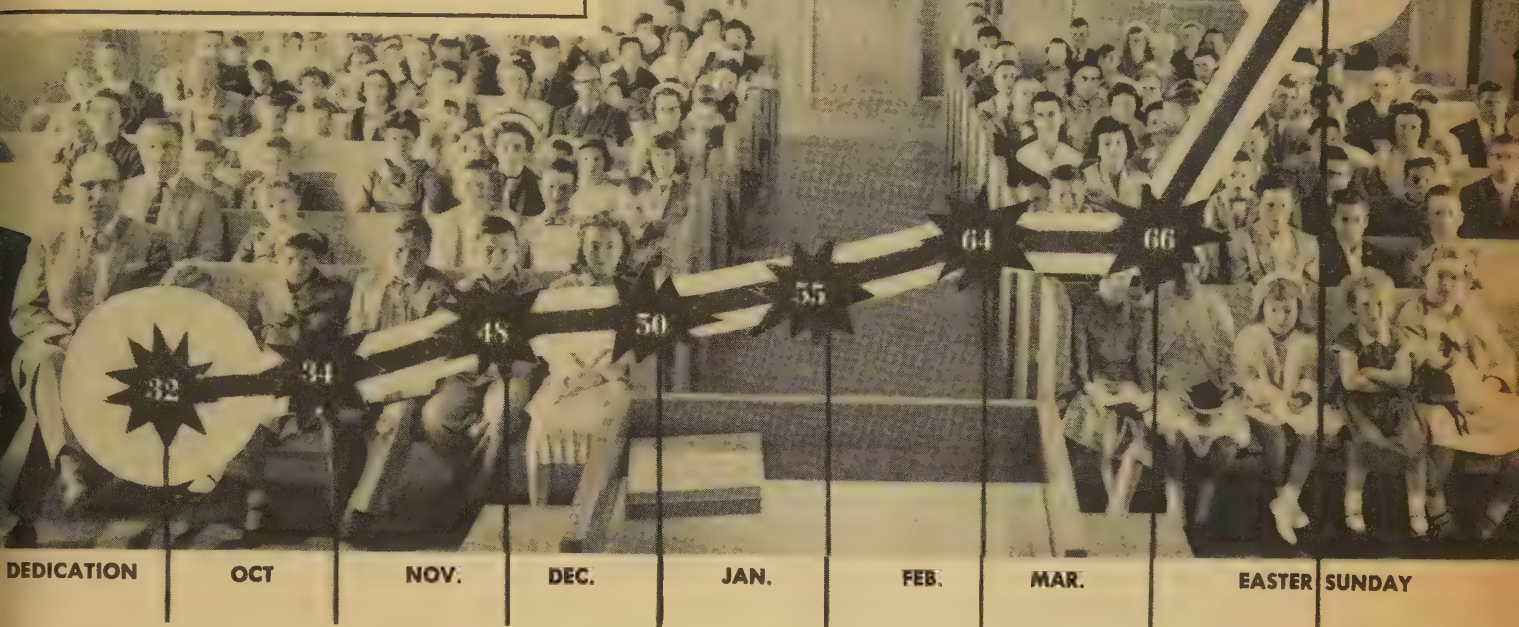
The W.M.C. gives all women a chance for service, the emphasis being placed on a spiritual ministry of prayer and intercession coupled with the ministry of "helps," which is the practical side of equipping our missionaries with the material necessities. I know of no other organization that has hit the equilibrium of being spiritual and yet so practical.

I leave with you this biblical assurance, "Therefore, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Dave Colbert, Director



Northland... C. E. F.
Church climbs from 32 to 140
in six months.



Pastor Vickery Reports Victory In Northland

Pictured above is the record attendance of 140 which were present in Sunday School on Easter Sunday at Northland Assembly, Novato. This was in spite of highly unfavorable weather.

Just six months ago this church was completed through the Church Extension Fellowship arm of our District Home Missions program, and services were officially held for the first time on September 22, 1957, at which time the attendance in Sunday School numbered 32. During both the fifth and sixth months the Sunday School maintained an average in attendance that first day.

It affords me real joy to give a brief report of the progress of this new work; first, because it will glorify the Lord, and second, because it will justify the interest and support of the many friends who have had a part in the C.E.F. program that made the building possible and the faithfulness of those whose regular monthly support of Home Missions has made it possible for the church to operate.

The graph above tells the Sunday School story at a glance. In addition to this there have been 13 who have accepted Christ as their Personal Saviour, 12 of which are actively engaged in the church and its activities. At a recent workers conference two new teachers were added to the staff, both of them are now living for the Lord as a result of the efforts of this church.

The Christ's Ambassadors Department is organized and functioning with 15 members, and the Men's Fellowship Department is about to get underway as is the Women's Missionary Council.

We are presently in a revival with Bro. L. R. Anderson, of Turolck, and we are praying that many of these new converts will receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The picture is equally bright financially. At the end of March the tithing families had increased sufficiently to assume the responsibility of the Pastor's salary. This means that the church is now over 50% self-supporting.

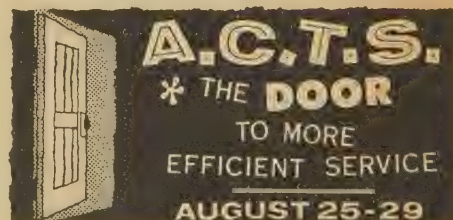
For these things we give thanks to God, who has blessed our efforts and has given us "the increase". But we also thank God for you who Support C.E.F. and you who give regularly to Home Missions . . . for it is you who have made it possible, under God, to provide a place to keep the increase.

EASTER ATTENDANCE

in our C.E.F. Churches was as follows:

San Bruno	169
Northland	140
Fremont	138

It pays to support C. E. F.!





By Leland R. Keys

Q. "How can the Assemblies of God set up a rule that won't allow a man who has been divorced to preach or have a church if the wife has divorced him?"

A. We know of no such rule. On the contrary, there are those who have had this misfortune who carry papers with the General Council. This they are permitted to do unless they remarried.

* * *

Q. "Sometimes I feel I should preach fiery messages but when the time comes to preach I don't get loud but I DO preach with emphasis and I feel that the Holy Spirit is helping me. Am I right in feeling that all messages need not be loud?"

A. You are right. Effectiveness is not to be measured by volume of sound. Some messages are effective when given in a loud manner; at other times the message may be soft-spoken and still be effective. In either case let something be said that is worth saying and let it be said in the power of the Holy Spirit. Loud or soft, — "He maketh his ministers a flame of fire."

* * *

Q. "Can you know God's will for a decision in your life months ahead or must you wait until the time comes?"

A. It is possible for God to reveal his will for one's life in advance of the time of making the final decision. For most of us, I think, God gives us light for one step at a time. When we reach the point of decision, God is there to guide aright.

* * *

Q. Why does God call women to be ministers, when, in my opinion, this is a more suitable position for men?

A. It is not for us to question the inscrutable sovereignty of God's will. The fact is that God said that in the last days He would pour out of His Spirit upon all flesh "and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy."

We are told by St. Luke that Philip "had four daughters . . . which did prophesy." Acts 21:9.

There is no question that God has used and is presently using sweet, consecrated, humble women to proclaim His Word unto edification, exhortation, comfort, and the salvation of souls.

* * *

Q. Why were the men of the Old Testament allowed to have more than one wife?

A. This practice was known as *polygamy*. The word means "a many wived man." *Monogamy*, meaning one wife for one man was certainly implied in the original institution of marriage. "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Gen. 2:24.

It is interesting to note that a Cainite was the first polygamist. (Gen. 4:19).

Polygamy was not prohibited by Moses but it was restrained and discouraged.

Like some other things found in the Old Testament but prohibited in the New Testament, there was a progress of revelation and the granting of greater light and the raising of standards, so that, to go back to some things that were tolerated in the Old Testament "in the times of ignorance," would be to walk in disobedience to the plainly revealed will of God as revealed in the New Covenant which we call the New Testament.

The conditions of monogamy, namely, a higher estimation of woman and the consciousness of the immorality of illegitimate intercourse are the results of an extended historical development and revelation from God. Certainly the development in the later history of Israel was toward monogamy. Genesis 2:18, "And the Lord God said, It is not good that

the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." This, together with other passages in Proverbs shows that monogamy was regarded as the normal state. Note the passage in Proverbs 31; also the prophet Hosea.

By the time of Jesus and the disciples and the early church monogamy was firmly established as *alone* having the divine sanction as is clearly seen in every New Testament passage bearing on the subject. One wife for one man is clearly the Christian standard.

If you wish Brother Keys to answer a question, send it to Leland R. Keys, 800 Bethany Dr., Santa Cruz, California. He will answer either in this column or by personal letter.

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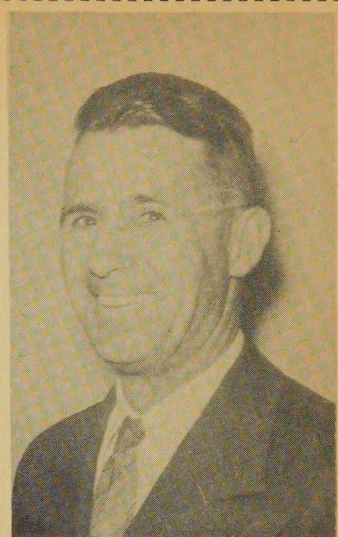
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ing in March. Guest speakers were Pastor Lilly of Madera and Pastor Sanderfort of Fresno. Otto Schmidt is presbyter.

● TUOLUMNE —

Glen Matson of Angels Camp was guest speaker for Pastor H. G. Davis recently.

● VACAVILLE —

Four were saved at the North Bay Fellowship Meeting in March. W. L. Shelley is pastor and P. R. Ford presbyter.

● VALLEY SPRINGS —

Pastor Jim Logan reports they recently enjoyed a special children's service presented by Mildred Howard and Hazel Youngman. Several made decisions. Evangelist James Adkins began meetings in April.

0.45 A. M. SUNDAY SCHOOL in Berkeley and Sacramento. He is now making his final contacts with the churches as he expects to return to Honduras, Central America in June.

FELTON —

The Feltons have recently done some itinerating in the Central San Joaquin Section.

RYE —

Helen Rye has been itinerating in the Coast Counties Section during the latter half of April and is scheduled to be in the Lake-Mendocino Section the first part of May. She expects to leave the District the last part of May to go to Florida to embark for Jamaica.

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HERBERT KIMBER will be leaving for S. Calif. May 1.

EVANGELIST LLOYD B. WISE of Fullerton is open for calls and is recommended by District Superintendent Leonard Palmer.

E. William Anderson Says . . .

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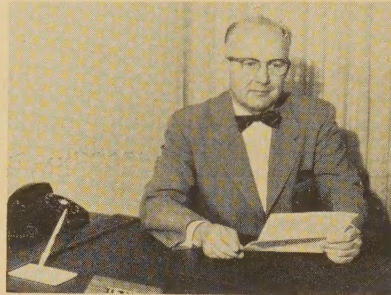
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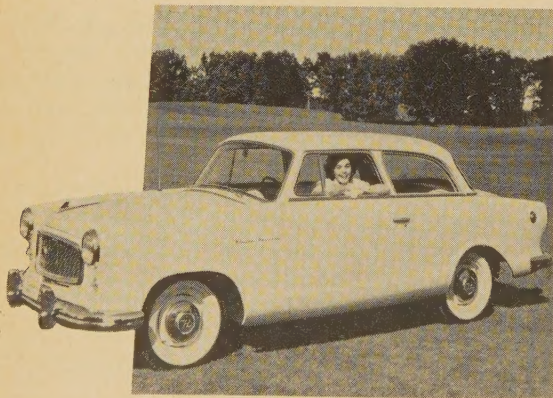
A new Assemblies of God hymn book is off the press, recently published by Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri. The book is sold in imitation leather called Dupont Fabrikoid and in colors of maroon, green, blue and old ivory. It sells for \$1.20 each in orders of 25 copies or more. As far as we know, this is the lowest priced song book of its quality on the market.

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